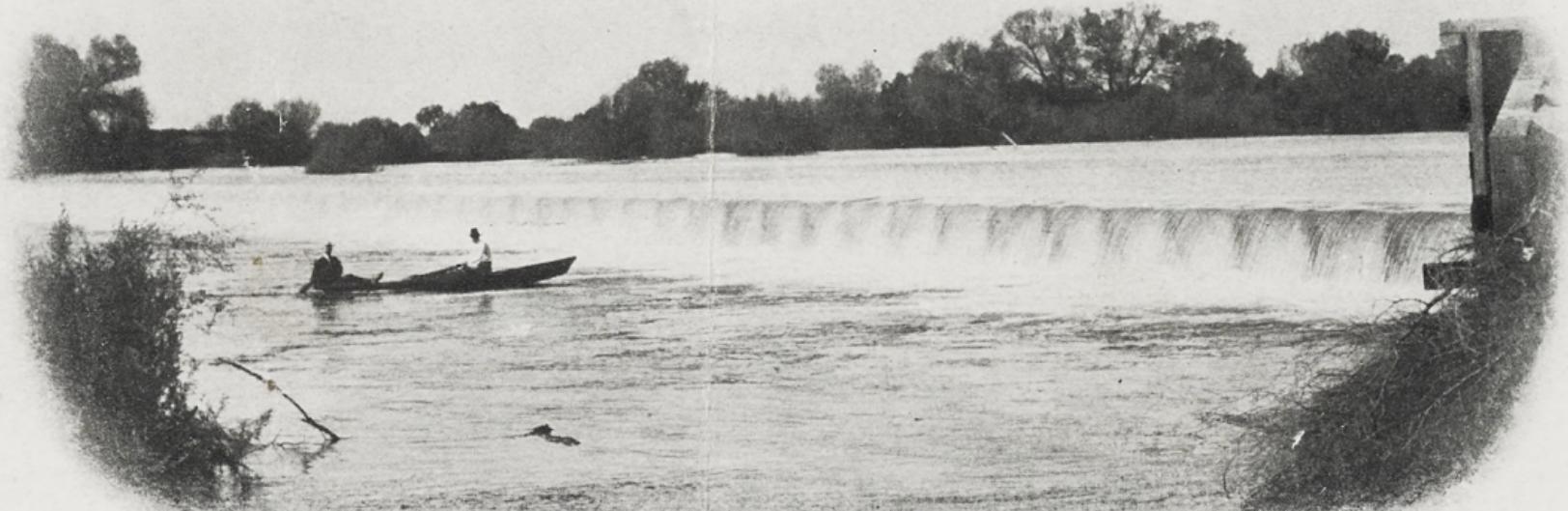


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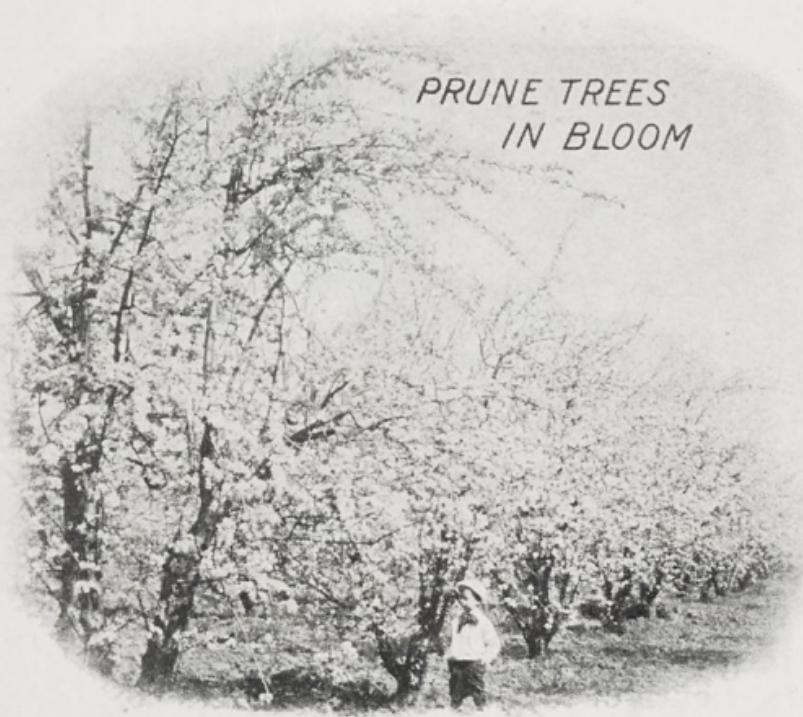
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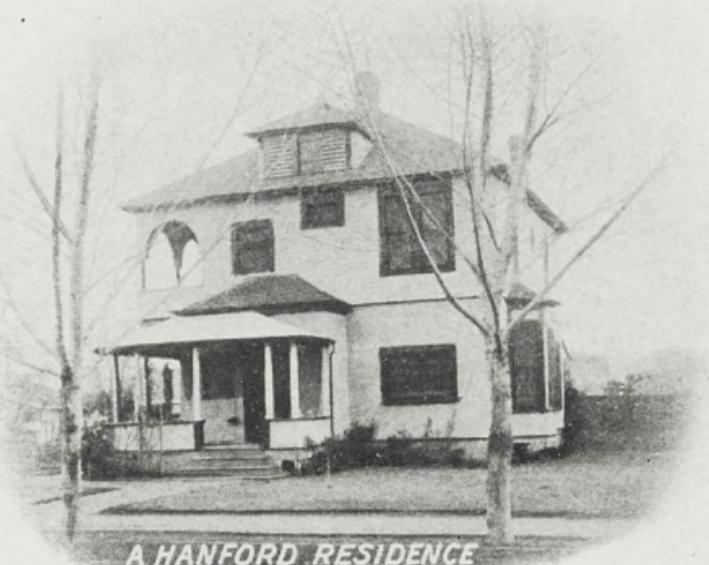


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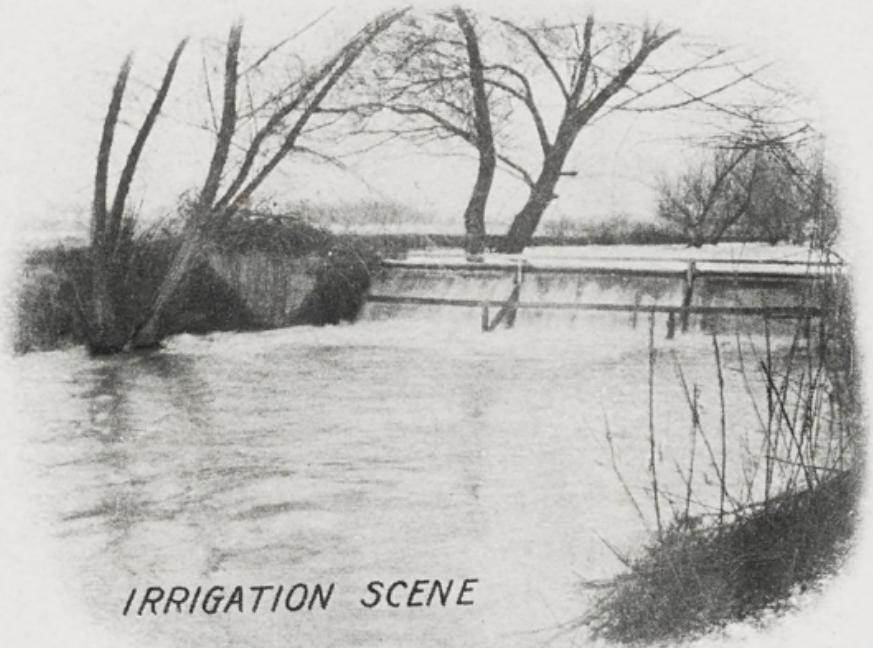


UNION HIGH SCHOOL





A HANFORD RESIDENCE



IRRIGATION SCENE

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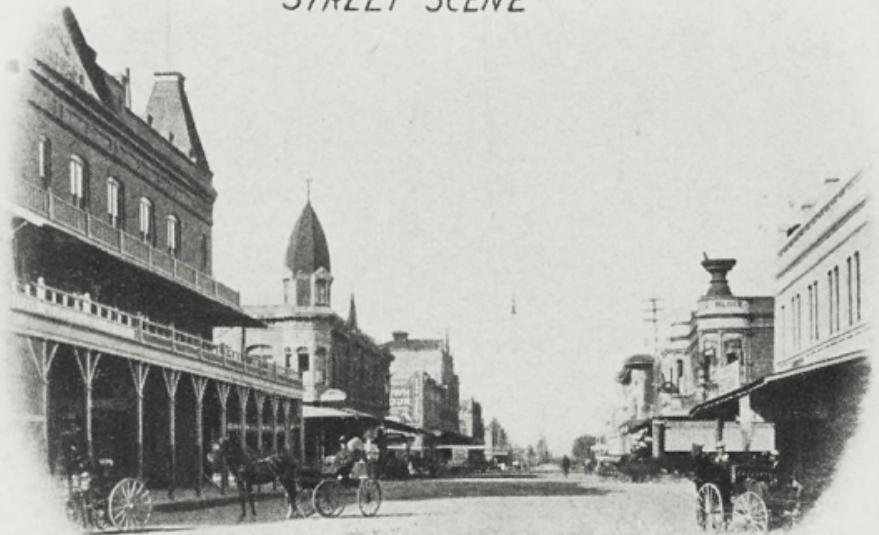


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COURT HOUSE



STREET SCENE



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A HANFORD HOME





ONE OF HANFORD'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS



A BUSY CORNER



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Hanford is the county seat of Kings County, and is one of the most up-to-date little cities in the State. It is an enterprising city of over six thousand and is steadily increasing in size. Two main lines of railroad pass through Hanford. The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe give direction to all points in the United States or beyond the borders. Everything conducive to health, happiness and prosperity that a wise and progressive city government and a commendable public spirit can provide, may be found in Hanford. An inexhaustible supply of fine, soft water is at all times available for drinking and household uses, the irrigation of lawns and gardens and for fire protection. This water is obtained from three artesian wells and is pumped into large tanks and thence sent through some fifteen miles of mains to all

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parts of the city. The fire department has proven itself many times equal to every emergency. The fact that in spite of the long summer season, when everything gets as dry as tinder, there has not been a fire of any consequence for years, speaks volumes for the capability of the members of the department and the thoroughness of their equipment. The improved Gamewell system of fire alarm is used and boxes are conveniently located in all sections. New apparatus is continually being added as the town grows, the latest being an expensive combination chemical engine, which has been effectively used on several occasions. A problem that every community must face is the best disposal of the sewage. Hanford has solved it by installing a modern system, whereby the waste water is carried through over twenty miles of piping and deposited in a septic tank situated some miles south of town. All the business portion of the

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city is paved throughout the whole width of the street and practically all the remaining streets have the sidewalks paved on both sides. There are many substantial buildings, all the business center being of brick. The courthouse is a building of pleasing architecture, surrounded by well-kept lawns and palms and shade trees. The Carnegie free library is built of cement blocks and is well stocked with books and periodicals and in very general use, particularly among the young people.

The schools of Hanford are such as will commend themselves to any parent anxious to obtain the best in the way of education for his children. The Hanford Union High School, organized in 1892, was placed on the university accredited list with the first class of graduates in 1895, and has ever since maintained its position among the better high schools of the State. Upwards of three hundred students are enrolled with

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the school this year, with a faculty of ten well qualified teachers. Not including the students of the high school, Hanford has one thousand census children. These are cared for in two large brick grammar school buildings, equipped with every convenience and educational requirement. There are nineteen teachers in these schools, with a principal having a general supervision over both schools. Churches of all leading Christian denominations take an active interest in every good work in the community. While they are well equipped for all ordinary work along their respective lines, there is a strong move towards still better things. Two or three of the churches are definitely pledged to the erection, in the immediate future, of substantial edifices, which will be in keeping with the progressive spirit of the city, and others will doubtless undertake a similar task before long. Two daily newspapers keep Hanford people well posted

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on all the leading questions of the day and do their full share in furthering the interests of the community. That this city handles a great deal of business is evidenced by the fact that four commercial and two savings banks do business here and are all in a most flourishing condition. Among the industries may be mentioned a flour mill, electric lighting and gas plants, ice factory, two large lumber yards and a planing mill, half a dozen garages, and several well-equipped machine shops, one of which employs a large force and is developing a very extensive export trade. Three creameries are located here, also a large winery and several canning and fruit-packing establishments. These latter institutions afford an opportunity for very remunerative work to great numbers of people of every age, sex and class during the fruit season, and may be counted upon to swell the family purse if one so desires.

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